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SUBJ:

1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN ARENALES AUG 8
HE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION A COMPLAINT TRANSMITTED
TO HIM BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO THE EFFECT THAT A
PERSON CLAIMING TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
HAD ABUSED A GUATEMALAN COLONEL (CHIEF OF ARMY
COMMUNICATIONS) AND INSULTED THE ARMED FORCES DURING
THE INSPECTION OF THE COLONEL'S EFFECTS AT THE GUATEMALAN
AIRPORT WHEN THE COLONEL WAS RETURNING FROM A TRIP TO
BRAZIL WHERE HE HAD BEEN ATTENDING CONFERENCE OF ARMY
COMMUNICATION CHIEFS. ARENALES ASKED THAT WE INSTRUCT
THIS "EMPLOYEE" TO BE MORE COURTEOUS IN THE FUTURE,
AND TO ASSURE THAT SUCH AN INCIDENT IS NOT REPEATED.

2. MY INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER REVEALED THAT THE
"EMPLOYEE" IN QUESTION IS C.I. SZM-3-0002, WHO HAD
BEEN SENT TO GUATEMALA, AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, IN
CONNECTION WITH THE SOBOSKI CASE, AND NOT REPEAT NOT
TO PERSONALLY MAKE PHYSICAL SEARCHES OF INCOMING PASSENGERS'
BAGGAGE AT THE GUATEMALA CITY AIRPORT OR OTHER BORDER
POINTS, AN ACTIVITY WHICH I CONSIDER INAPPROPRIATE FOR
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A PERSON LOOSELY CONTROLLED AND BEING FUNDED BY A

U.S. AGENCY. FURTHERMORE, GUATEMALAN SECURITY OFFICIALS
HAVE INFORMED AN EMBOFF THAT THEY ARE DISPLEASED WITH
CI'S OVERBEARING ATTITUDE.

3. I HAVE ASKED RSO TO CALL C.I. INTO EMBASSY ASAP
AND INSTRUCT HIM TO CEASE FORTHWITH ALL OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITY SUCH AS BAGGAGE SEARCHES. IT WOULD BE IN
BEST INTEREST OF U.S. THAT C.I. DEPART GUATEMALA ASAP
AND I REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION.

4. WE ARE, OF COURSE, STRONGLY INTERESTED IN HELPING
GOG COMBAT POSSIBLE TRANSITS OF NARCOTICS THROUGH THIS
COUNTRY, BUT SHOULD DO SO BY PROVIDING ADVICE
AND TRAINING RATHER THAN BY HAVING "CONTRACT EMPLOYEE"
ENGAGE PERSONALLY IN AIRPORT CONTROL ACTIVITIES WHICH
PROPERLY BELONG TO GOG.

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